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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forest - Timber - Export from South India - Delegation of powers to Provincial Government for issue of permits - Quantity allowable for export during 1948-49 etc. - Papers Recorded

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Lr.No.79988.C.II/47.-6.

Fort St. George,
D/3-3-1948-

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Industry and Supply,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Timber - Export from South India-
Ref. Correspondence ending with your letter
No. IP/1(2)-34(1)/47 dated 13-12-1947.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the letter cited I am directed to enclose for your information a copy of reference No.4698/47E dated 25-11-1947 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras addressed to the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle and copied to the Director-General of Industries and Supplies for favour of information with reference to the Chief Conservator's interview with the Director General on 18-11-47 and for arranging to issue permits promptly. A list of applications for permits forwarded by the Chief Conservator of Forests to the Government of India with reference to this Government's letter No.79988 C.II/47-4 D dated 4-12-1948 is also enclosed. All the applicants so far recommended by the Chief Conservator of Forests for the issue of permits to export timber to ports in India are holding with them only "B2" and "C" class teak logs in addition to junglewood and teak poles which they have purchased from Forest Depots in Kallai, Malabar District, just about a couple of months prior to the discussion which the Chief Conservator had with the Director General on 18 November last. For want of export permits the merchants have not been able to ship the stock of timber they are holding with them. The quantities they are having are well within the limits of 1,05,000 c.ft. of teak agreed upon and mentioned in the Government of India's letter cited above. The Chief Conservator of Forests reported this fact to the Supply Department in reply to their telegram dated 14-1-48 (copy enclosed). They were also informed that all merchants whose applications were forwarded desire permits for "end uses" only.

It will thus be seen that action has already been taken by the Chief Conservator of Forests on the lines suggested by the Government of India, except that the applications were forwarded directly by the Chief Conservator of Forests with his recommendations instead of by the Provincial Government as required in letter No.IP/1(2)-34(1)/47 dated 23-10-47 of the Government of India, Ministry of Industry and Supply. I am to request that this irregularity may be condoned and necessary permits may be issued to the applicants recommended by the Chief Conservator of Forests without any further delay as the shipping season is coming to a close. In future such applications will be forwarded by the Provincial Government with their recommendations thereon.

I am to add that this Government do not consider it necessary to send a list of persons to whom sales are made as suggested in para 1(iii) of the letter cited but that it would be enough if the applications of persons to whom sales are made are forwarded through the Provincial Government for issue of permits.

I am also to point out that the Government of India have not made mention of the procedure to be adopted in

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in the matter of export of ~~specials~~ other than teak, i.e., Rosewood, Lawrelwood and Junglewood nor about the procedure to be followed ~~to~~ for export of teak and shipment quality Rosewood to ports outside India, e.g., Persian Gulf, Iraq, France, etc. It is presumed that such applications should also be submitted to the Government of India by this Government instead of by the Chief Conservator of Forests directly. I am directed to request you to be so good as to clarify these points also.

Your obedient servant,

No. IP/I-II/34(1)/47.
Government of India.
Ministry of Industry & Supply.

New Delhi, the 24th May 1948.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Development Department,
Fort. St. George, Madras.

Sub: Forests - Timber-export from South India

I am directed to refer to your letter No.79988 CII/47-6, dated the 3rd March, 1948 on the subject cited above and to say that with regard to export of timber ~~of~~ to Indian ports, no licences are now required, as restrictions on its export have since been removed vide Commerce Ministry Notification No.91-CW(1)/45, dated the 31st January, 1948. With regard to firms recommended for issue of licences to foreign ports, I am to enclose a copy of letter No.CD3-Genl/513, dt.the 2nd March, 1948 from the D.G.I.&S. to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Egmore, Madras which explains the position.

2. The Government of India have carefully considered the question of delegation of power to Madras Government to issue licences for export of timber abroad. They feel that the Central Government as the co-ordinating authority for all the Provinces in respect of demand and supply of timber, cannot divest themselves of the power to control the export of timber. In the circumstances it is regretted that it is not found possible to accede to the ~~of~~ Provincial Government's request. The Madras Government are however requested to recommend a quantity that might be allowed for export during each year and licences will be granted by the D.G.I. & S. within the ceiling fixed in the usual way.

3. I am to add that the proposal made by the Provincial Government in the concluding para of their letter, regarding forwarding applications of persons to whom sales are made, for issue of permits, is agreed to. The presumption made in that para regarding export of timber to ports outside India is also confirmed.

I am, etc.

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Endt.No.79988.C.II/47-10, dated 17-6-48.

Communicated to the Chief Conservator of Forests for information and for furnishing the particulars called for in the concluding portion of para 2 of the Govt. of India's letter at a very early date.

P.S.Sundaram,
Asst. Secretary to Govt. of India.

Copy together with a copy of letter to which it is a reply forwarded to (1) the D.G.I & S. for information (II) the Ministry of Commerce with reference to their U.O.No.1089/C/48, dated the 21st April 1948

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests

No.CD3-Gen1/513
Ministry of Industry & Supply
Directorate General of Industry and Supply
(Co-ordination - III)
New Delhi, the 2nd March 1948.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Egmore, Madrs.

Sir,

Sub: Timber export from South India.

With reference to the correspondence resting with your telegram dated 5-2-48 and letter No.4698/47-E dated 9-2-48 on the above subject I have the honour to say:-

- (1) Restrictions on the export of timber to Indian State Ports have been removed vide Ministry of Commerce Notification No.91-CW(I)/45 dated 31-1-1948. Firms recommended by you for such exports can easily do so without the necessity of permits. (Please also see our telegram No.CD3-18/570/48 dated 16-2-48 in this connection).
- (2) Licence No.02842 dated 19-1-48 for export of 50 tons of Rosewood to France has been issued in favour of Mr. U.K. Kanadan, Calicut.
- (3) Licence No.02944 dated 27-1-48 has been issued in favour of Mr. Yoosuf Sagar Abdulla, Calicut for export of 100 tons of Tea wood for export to Basra and Kuwait.
- (4) As licences for export of Teakwood outside India are allowed only to established shippers of this wood, an enquiry regarding previous exports by Haji P.I. Kunhammadkutty, Calicut.

I have etc.,
(Sd.)- P.V. Krishna Ayyar,
for Director General of Industry & Supply.
Copy forwarded to:-

V.S.Kuppuswamy Esq., IBE., Deputy Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi.

(for information)
Sd. P.V.Krishna Ayyar,
for D.G. (I&S).

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Lr.No.79988.CII/47-11.

Fort St. George,
Madras-9,
22nd July 1948.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay,
Labour Department,
Bombay Castle, BOMBAY.

Sir,

Sub: Export of timber from South India -
Removal of restrictions -

Ref: Your letter No.572/46/6555-E dated 5-7-1948.

With reference to your letter cited I am directed to state that no licences are now required to export timber to Indian ports, as restrictions on its export have since been removed--vide Notification No.91-C.W.(1)/45 dated 31-1-48 of the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce. It is also reported that after these restrictions have been removed, the timber merchants of this Province find it easy to export timber to Indian Ports without permits. Consequently the necessity for the Bombay Government addressing the Government of India for the removal of restriction on the import of timber from this Province into your Province ceases to exist. I am therefore to suggest that the matter may be dropped.

Yours faithfully,

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Lr.No.79988.CII/47-14.D,

Fort St. George,
Dated 15-9-1949.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Industry and Supply,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: Forest - Timber - Export from South India
Quantity allowable for export for 1948-49
Furnished -
Ref: Mr. Sundaram's letter No.1P/1-II/34(1)/47
dated 24th May 1948.

With reference to the concluding portion of paragraph 2 of the letter cited the Government of Madras recommend that the following quantities of timber may be allowed for export abroad during the year 1948-49 from this Province:-

Laurelwood i.e. Figured Mathi	..	200 tons.
Junglewood	..	6000 tons.
Foreign Quality Rosewood	..	500 "
Palai	..	500 tons.
Teak below 2 candies	..	500 "
'C' Class teak	..	400 "

Yours faithfully,

Copy to:-

The Chief Conservator of Forests with reference to his letter No.4698/47-E, dated 7-9-49.

2. He is requested to furnish in June 1949 the ~~question~~ quantities of timber that should be allowed for export to places outside India from the Province in 1949-50.

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No further action seems called for in this file.
This may now be recorded as G.O. for future reference
after making a C.B. entry against 1-6-1949 with ref. to
para 2 of Govt. Endt. on p.80 c.f.
G.O.Ms.No.4765, dated 21-9-1948.
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21-9-48.

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Off. Asstt.
Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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